

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An apparatus is available for transferring a flexible material web from an upstream section to at least one downstream section of a machine having a web running direction. The machine is configured for at least one of manufacturing and treating the material web. The apparatus includes two separation elements configured for splitting and thereby separating the material web into an edge strip, an adjoining transfer strip and a remaining web adjoining the transfer strip, the edge strip extending in the web running direction. The apparatus further includes at least one deflection device configured for deflecting the edge strip away from the transfer strip and simultaneously tautening the edge strip upon deflection thereof.

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